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MANDEL STORE DANGER OF FIRE TO HIGH COURT

**City Law Against Sub-Basements Will Go to State
Supreme Court Again—Judge Williams Decides
for Department Store.**

Five years ago fire broke out in a New York factory. When they counted the dead girls and women in the streets afterward there were 175 stretched out in long rows. Some who got out alive have scars twisting across their faces today.

A wave of horror swept the country. Fire safety and fire prevention were all the talk. A New York subway fire and another list of dead and scarred. And then—every large city in the country passed laws to make stores and factories safer places to work in.

The city council of Chicago passed an ordinance in 1910. Section 480 of this fire safety law says:

"Not more than one floor of any basement or cellar shall be used for the retail sale of goods. Such floor shall be the floor nearest to the inside street grade. Such floor used for the retail sale of goods shall not be more than 20 feet below the inside street grade.

"No sub-basement, cellar or part of a basement below such floor shall be used for the sale of any goods in any manner."

Municipal Judge Charles Williams yesterday decided this law is not constitutional. This is the second time a municipal judge has said the law is wrong. The first time was in October, 1912, when Judge Caverly said so.